involvement of Private Sector in road construction

266. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHEA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to involve private sector in road construction; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative the reasons 'for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. One of the prerequisites for involving private sector in road construction is amendment of the National Highway Act, 1956 to provide for levy of fee on National Highway sections, which is yet to be done.

Menace of stray cattle in Lodhi Colony, New Delhi

267. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem of stray cattle including pigs, dogs and buffaloes in Lodi Colony area of the Capital;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the cases of injuries caused by these cattle to some of the residentsof the colony; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such incident has come to notice.

(c) NDMC has reported that during the last one year, 43 stray cattle were impounded in the Lodi Cojony area MCD has reported that they organised special raids in Lodi Colony area during the last two months and imponded 41 cattle.

Reduction in the Rates for STD Calls

268. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the rates for STD calls made between 11.00 P.M. and 4.00 A.M.

(b) whether it is a fact that lines remain idle during the said period; and

(c) what are the new stations proposed to be connected by STD in 1991 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b): No, Sir.

(c) The following stations in Andhra Pradesh have since been provided with the STD facility from 1-1-1991 to 30-6-1991:—

Madanapuram, Pamarru, Toopran, Moolapadu, Bhongir, Garividi, Kankipadu, Pippara, Bodhan, Chagallu, Dwaraka Tirumala, Pithapuram, Penukonda, Dronachalam, Sullurpet, Kamareddy, Pericherla, Annavaram, Attili.

The following more stationsare proposed to be provided withthe STD facility in Andhra Pradeshduring the remaining part of the yeari.e. unto31-12-1991.

3Chobrolu, Peddeplle, Isnapur, Bibinagar, Yadagirigutta, Naqarkurnool Sirpur Kagaznagar, Ichapuram, Pedana, Drakashrama, Hiramandalam, Nakrekal, Pakala, Chityal. Eighth Incline, Gudlavalloru.

Development of Inland Waterways Transport in Andhra Pradesh

269. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA- BHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal